

May 8, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Harry R. Riskie at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, N.J.. The Clerk/Administrator, Thomas B. Bowe, stated that it was a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Woodbury City Council and due notice had been given to both the press and the public by reason of a resolution for Regular Meetings adopted January 3, 2006

Evangelist Samuel Jackson delivered the Invocation.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Curtis, Louis, Tierney, Curtis, Grimming, Belko, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

**Absent:** Brown, Sloane

### **MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of April 24, 2006 were approved as submitted with one exception. President Riskie stated that on page 4 the reference to the Personnel Manual was incorrect and would like the record to read that all Council members could join the Public Retirement System as indicated in the Annual Report of 2004.

### **PUBLIC**

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Belko, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

As no one desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

### **PRESENTATION BY NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION DIRECTOR, VIRGINIA HORN**

Ms. Horn came forward to explain what the Woodbury Community Garden was all about and introduced the two people responsible for helping put the program into action.

Mrs. Amelia Harris McGeehan explained that last year the program included (4) four families who planted vegetables in the designed area allotted for the program. This year there will be about ten families involved in not only a vegetable garden, but in a butterfly garden and flower garden as well. Ms. McGeehan then went on to explain how the participants benefit from their garden plot, whether be it by planting vegetables for their own use or by just enjoying the beauty of the flowers and butterflies.

Ms. Horn finished by acknowledging the help Tom Dukelow provided in tilling the beds and supplying the water.

**PRESENTATION BY CLANCY & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Mr. Jim Clancy approached to update Mayor and Council about the City's ongoing Soccer Fields Project located in Deptford Township. Mr. Clancy presented two diagrams showing the location of the fields and parking areas.

The Mayor asked about existing trees and the future location of the Club House.

Mr. Clancy answered several questions from Council members about such topics as expenses, proposed time frame involved and available grant money.

**ORDINANCES**

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

**ORDINANCE #2026-06 - ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE WOODBURY MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the above-entitled ordinance will remain on the table.

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION #06-88 - RESOLUTION REJECTING THE BIDS FOR THE POLICE STATION RENOVATIONS PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Curtis inquired as to the exact amount of the bids being rejected. Mr. Bowe advised that the low bid was about \$20,000 over the projected cost of the project.

Mr. Bowe then explained that by rejecting all of the bids on the first go around, the City could now negotiate with the low bidder if the bids were rejected a second time.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the resolution was adopted by a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-89 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH WINNER FORD FOR TWO (2) 2006 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

**RESOLUTION #06-90 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PYRO ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Councilwoman Schreyer presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Schreyer, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from the voting process.

**RESOLUTION #06-91 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION (Lease, Purchase or Acquisition of Real Estate Property)**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

President Riskie stated that action may be taken as a result of the business discussed in Executive Session.

**VOUCHERS**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Councilwoman Schreyer presented two raffle applications: one from Main Street which was approved as submitted with Councilman Curtis abstaining from the vote; the other raffle application from the Woodbury Women's Club was approved as submitted.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that the Ad-Hoc Committee assigned to the Fire Department Ordinance currently tabled has met and will meet again before presenting an amended ordinance before Council in the very near future.

President Riskie advised that another situation to look into was the historical nature of the Goodwill Fire Company Building. Councilwoman Tierney stated that this was not part of the discussion; the main focus was the ordinance.

**STREETS/UTILITIES**

Councilman Belko advised that the Public Works Department has obtained its new computer and has been using it for diagnostic repairs.

**ORDINANCE #2027-06 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 167, ARTICLE IV, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENTITLED: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS - LAYING OUT STREETS AND SIDEWALKS**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was ordered opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	7	
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Sloane, Brown

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Louis advised that the next Economic Development Steering Committee will be on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

### **PERSONNEL**

President Riskie inquired if Councilman Belko had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Law regarding the request he received from one of our employees.

Councilman Belko indicated he did not as he was away on vacation until yesterday; but planned to meet with Mr. Law as soon as he could.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Councilwoman Schreyer stated she had nothing to report under Environmental, but wanted everyone to know that she was still waiting to hear back from the schools for the Students in Government date.

Councilwoman Schreyer stated that she wanted to let Councilwoman Tierney know that in her opinion the way things were handled with the Fire Department and the meetings that were conducted went very well.

### **GREEN ACRES**

Councilman Curtis inquired about the Garden Clinic.

Ms. Virginia Horn, NPP Coordinator, advised that the Clinic went well. NPP purchased annuals and vegetable seedlings from the Master Gardeners, who started them from seeds at the GCIA greenhouse in South Harrison Township. Members of the Master Gardeners and the Garden Club were available at the Clinic to answer questions and demonstrate container gardening. There was also mulch available for residents to take. Tom Dukelow stated that any mulch left over would be used in City beds in the parking lots. Ms. Horn commented that so far no residents had entered the Yard Makeover Contest and that was a disappointment.

### **MAYOR CLARK**

Mayor Clark spoke on the following:

1. Mayor Clark regrettably announced that the money we were originally planning on using for the skateboard project is now being denied; upon contacting Assemblyman Roberts office who helped us get the money in the first place we were told that the Assemblyman has contacted the Governors Office to see if we can still qualify for the original amount promised and if not than at the least be reimbursed for monies already spent in trying to get this project underway;
2. The meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, May 11th for skaters and their parents will still be held along with a representative from Assemblyman Roberts Office; the press is also invited;
3. The Mayor advised that she has received much feedback regarding the proposed parking garage at Hunter and Broad Streets and how this structure will adversely affect the historic section of the City. The City is still welcoming other options and is still fielding recommendations as the County has pretty much decided not to relocate;
4. Mayor Clark advised that at Christ Episcopal Church a service was held in honor of St. Florian, the patron saint of firefighters. The Mayor and Councilwoman Tierney along with many of our firefighters attended the service which was a beautiful tribute to these very heroic young men and women;
5. On Saturday, May 13, 2006 at the Riverwinds Complex from 8:00 am to 10:00 am, the County will be holding its Economic Development Meeting;
6. Also this Saturday, the WORC Annual Fund Raiser will be held at 474 Cooper Street, the Carter residence;
7. Mayor Clark congratulated twin Eagle Scout recipients, Craig and Clint Zarnosky who will be receiving their honor on Saturday at St. Stephens Church at 4:00 pm; everyone is welcomed to attend;
8. The Mayor also reminded everyone that the annual Memorial Day Parade will be coming up soon; if anyone wants to participate, please contact Mr. Dukelow; and
9. The Mayor stated that she has received a request and needs a designee to attend a few meetings on her behalf as a member on the County Economic Development Committee; anyone interested, please contact her.

#### **CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR**

Mr. Bowe advised that Mr. Melvin Magnall, who was the original contact for the Bury/Woodbury Celebration, has crossed the Atlantic in his sailboat and is making his way up the eastern coastline from Florida. He hopes to arrive in Woodbury late May or early June.

Also, Mr. Bowe requested approval to have the City Engineer again draw up plans and specifications for the Police Department Renovations. On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the request for the Police Department Renovations was approved.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

President Riskie presented the Treasurer's Report which was received as filed.

**PUBLIC**

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Items Only.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Belko, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, there was a five minute recess before going into Executive Session.

**E X E C U T I V E                      S E S S I O N**

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilwoman Schreyer, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 8:25 PM.

Mr. Duffield, the City's Tax Assessor, related to Mayor and Council that the property owner on Nelson Avenue was willing to buy the City property next to his on the corner of Nelson and Railroad for the City's asking price of \$3800.

Some discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons and how this transfer should be handled.

Mr. Duffield, on another matter, presented a letter from a David Scaffidi who also was interested in purchasing a piece of ground from the City one property away from his. The intervening property is currently an empty lot owned by Queenie Nichols whose taxes have not been paid for some time and a lien has been placed on the property for around \$31,000.

Mr. Aimino suggested that it would be in the best interest of the City to move forward on this request as a foreclosure.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Belko, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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**THOMAS B. BOWE**  
Clerk/Administrator

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Assessor: Roy Duffield  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
Emergency Management Coordinator: Lieutenant Steven Cope  
NPP Coordinator: Virginia Horn  
Solicitor: Michael Aimino  
Public Works Supervisor: Thomas Dukelow